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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday 7 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP
ON THE BRAHIMI REPORT

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Consultation Room

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	53rd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	54th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]
   (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/55/284 and Corr.1)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.25)
   (c) Amendment (A/55/L.26/Rev.1)
   (d) Amendment (A/55/L.27)

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity : report of the Secretary-General (A/55/498) [27]

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community [23]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/215)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.24/Rev.1)

4. Bethlehem 2000: draft resolution (A/55/L.3) [36]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [85] (A/55/453, A/55/261-265, A/55/373 and Add.1, A/55/392-S/2000/874, A/55/432-S/2000/921, A/55/466-S/2000/971, A/55/474-S/2000/984, A/55/490-S/2000/993, A/C.4/55/L.17-L.21)

General debate

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	49h meeting	Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109] (A/55/12 and Add.1, A/55/471, A/55/472 and A/55/506-S/2000/1006)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.21

2. Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.34, L.35, L.36, L.37, L.39, L.40, L.41, L.43, L.44, L.45, L.53, L.54, L.55, L.57, L.58 and L.59

3. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [114 (c)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.38 and L.42.

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109] (A/55/12 and Add.1, A/55/471, A/55/472 and A/55/506-S/2000/1006)

   Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Human resources management [123] (A/55/253 and Corr.1, A/55/270, A/55/168, A/55/427, A/55/499, A/55/399 and Corr.1, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/21, A/54/257, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/55/L.3, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/C.5/54/2, A/54/450, A/C.5/55/CRP.1 and CRP.2)

   Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1)

   Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Administration of Justice at the United Nations (A/55/57 and Add.1 and A/55/514)

   Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116) (A/54/793 and A/55/499)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Programme planning [118] (A/55/16, A/55/6 (Introduction and programmes 1-25), A/55/63, A/55/73, A/55/85, A/C.5/55/14, A/C.5/55/17, A/C.5/55/18, A/C.5/55/19 and A/C.5/55/20)

   Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda items 116 and 123 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Human resources management: Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General and officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission (A/54/695 and Corr.1 and A/54/710 and Corr.1)); and 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme planning (A/55/16, A/55/6 (Introduction and programmes 1-25), A/55/63, A/55/73, A/55/85, A/C.5/55/14, A/C.5/55/17, A/C.5/55/18, A/C.5/55/19 and A/C.5/55/20))

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* Following the adjournment of the 23rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on agenda item 160 (Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States)

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY (ITEM 157)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft report

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 7 November 2000, there will be a meeting of interested delegations on the following draft proposal, in Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.15 (item 95 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule of this consultation.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Bureau of the Committee on Information *today*, 7 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in room S-1027.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 7 November 2000

GROUP OF 77
(briefing by the Chairman of the Global Environment Facility)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS
(consultations of the whole on the right to development and the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 92 (b) (Commodities) and (c) (External debt crisis and development))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

6 p.m.-7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on environmental issues)

6 p.m.-10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 99 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2000)) and 92 (c) (External debt crisis and development))

6 p.m.-10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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There will be a meeting of the Economic Community of Central African States *today*, 7 November 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Hearings

As requested by the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, hearings with civil society will continue *today*, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, United Nations agencies and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-8497). The list of panellists and their presentations are available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/hear_panel_list1.htm).

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Workshop

The United Nations University and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing a workshop on "COP6 and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations" as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held *today*, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Informal consultations

Informal consulations with interested delegations under agenda item 174 (The role of the United Nations in promoting a New Global Human Order), organized by the delegation of Guyana, will be held *today*, 7 November 2000, from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/netherlands.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	55th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [26]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/409)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.20)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	52nd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 24th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY (ITEM 157)

Morning*	4th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing to provide an update on "The Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative" under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The moderator will be Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The briefing will be given by Mr. Axel van Trotsenburg, Manager, HIPC Implementation Unit, World Bank, and Ms. Dorris Ross, Division Chief, Policy Development Review Department, International Monetary Fund, as a contribution to the Second Committee debate on financing for development and macroeconomic issues, particularly external debt.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee) on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee) on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Wednesday and Thursday, 8 and 9 November 2000, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Briefing

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services will hold an informal briefing on the annual report of the Office for the period 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, for interested delegates, on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Briefing

The Office of the Special Co-ordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries (OSCAL) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a briefing for African and other interested delegations on the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (documents A/55/350 and Add.1). The briefing, will be held on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Workshop

The United Nations University will hold a workshop on "Building Conflict Prevention Capacity: Methods, Experiences, Needs" on Tuesday, 14 November 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the New York office of the United Nations University (tel.: (212) 963-6346).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations are jointly organizing a workshop in their Series on the Art of Public Speaking for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 November, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 9 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 3 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 45th meeting

The meeting was suspended, after which the meeting was adjourned.

46th meeting

Advancement of women [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.11/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contains no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Netherlands orally revised the revised draft resolution and announced that Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Ghana, Lesotho, Liberia, Malta, Malawi, Namibia, Paraguay, the Republic of Moldova and Thailand had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Statements of a procedural nature were made by the representatives of Pakistan, France and the Libyan Arab Jahamariya.

A suggestion to postpone action on the draft resolution was made by the representative of the United States, which was supported by the representative of Kenya.

In accordance with rule 120 of the rules of procedure, the Chairperson ruled that she would permit discussion on the draft resolution to continue.

Statements of a procedural nature were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Kenya.

There was no objection to her ruling.

The representative of Jordan read out proposed amendments to the revised draft resolution, after which statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, the Netherlands and Pakistan.

The representative of Mali spoke on a point of order.

The representative of the Netherlands requested a recorded vote on the oral amendments proposed by the representative of Jordan.

Before the vote on the oral amendments, statements were made by the representatives of Canada (also on behalf of Australia, New Zealand, Norway and the Republic of Korea) and the United Kingdom.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of India and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Committee then rejected the oral amendments by a recorded vote of 22 to 80, with 24 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Egypt, Cuba and Pakistan.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the revised draft resolution, as further orally revised.

Before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Azerbaijan.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Jordan, Mexico, Egypt, Indonesia, Cuba, Yemen, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, the Libyan Arab Jahamariya, Kuwait and India.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as further orally revised, by a recorded vote of 120 to none, with 25 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of China, Bangladesh, Oman, Ethiopia, El Salvador and the United States.

Also after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania and France (on behalf of the European Union).

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.13/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contains no programme budget implications.

The representative of Algeria orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Brunei Darussalam, the Maldives, Thailand and Uzbekistan had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Canada (also on behalf of Australia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Norway and the Republic of Korea), France (on behalf of the European Union), Brazil, the Republic of Korea, Chile and Jordan.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement on the organization of work.

Monday, 6 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

52nd plenary meeting

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly: first report of the Credentials Committee (A/55/537 and Corr1) [3]

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 13 of its first report (A/55/537 and Corr.1) (resolution 55/16).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 3.

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]

(a) *Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/55/284 and Corr.1)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/55/L.25)*

(c) *Amendment (A/55/L.26)*

The Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency presented the report of the Agency for the year 1999.

The representative of Nigeria made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.25.

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendment to draft resolution A/55/L.25 contained in document A/55/L.26.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey), Brazil (on behalf of the MERCOSUR and Bolivia and Chile), the Philippines, Ukraine, India, South Africa, the Czech Republic, Viet Nam, Cuba, the United States, the Republic of Korea, Japan and Indonesia.

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 17th meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [85]

The Chairman drew attention to the basic documentation relating to the item (A/55/453, A/55/261 to 265 and A/55/373 and Add.1).

The representative of Sri Lanka, in his capacity as Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, introduced the report of the Committee (A/55/473). The Committee began its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, the United States, Jordan, Cuba, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, South Africa, Yemen, the Syrian Arab Republic and Qatar.

Statements were made by the observers for Palestine and the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

The representative of Israel made a statement on a point of order.

Statements in the exercise of their right of reply were made by the representative of Israel and the observer of Palestine.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

The Chairman drew members' attention to draft resolutions contained in documents A/C.4/55/L.17 to L.21 relating to agenda item 85.

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [83]

The Chairman drew members' attention to the revised draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/55/L.8/Rev.1, as well as on the revised programme budget implications contained in document A/C.4/55/L.9/Rev.1.

The Committee adopted A/C.4/55/L.8/Rev.1 without a vote.

The Committee concluded consideration of agenda item 83.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew members' attention to draft resolutions A/C.4/55/L.10 to L.16 relating to agenda item 84 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East).

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 47th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in which the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Guinea, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Angola, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Burundi, the Sudan, Morocco, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Rwanda, Mexico, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Congo and Croatia took part.

Advancement of women [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.16/Rev.1 and programme budget implications contained in document A/C.3/55/L.33

The Chairperson drew the attention of the Committee to document A/C.3/55/L.33 containing programme budget implications of the revised draft resolution.

The representative of Nigeria announced that Austria, Croatia, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Spain and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, without a vote.

Draft decision

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of document A/55/271.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 107.

Right of peoples to self-determination [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.32

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Egypt announced that Angola, Argentina, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guyana, Iceland, India, Saint Lucia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Lesotho joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Israel.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 147 to 2, with 3 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Australia, Canada, the Russian Federation, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Iceland and Liechtenstein), as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 113.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [114 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.29

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mexico announced that Azerbaijan, Ghana, Honduras, Portugal, Tunisia and Turkey had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Haiti, Kenya and Paraguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.30

The Secretary read out a statement from the Controller in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Denmark announced that Eritrea, Ethiopia, Malta, Poland and Sierra Leone had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Colombia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

48th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, as well as the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta), the United States, the Sudan, Norway, Mozambique (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Japan and Cuba, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement in which she informed the Committee that on Tuesday, 7 November, at 3 p.m., it would hear the introduction of the following draft proposals: under item 109: A/C.3/55/L.21; under sub-item 114 (b): A/C.3/55L.34, L.35, L.36, L.37, L.39, L.40, L.41, L.43 L.44, L.45, L.53, L.54, L.55, L.57, L.58, L.59 and L.60; under sub-item 114 (c): A/C.3/55/L.38 and L.42.

The Committee would then aim to take action on those draft proposals on Wednesday, 8 November, at 3 p.m., as well as on the following draft resolutions: under item 110: A/C.3/55/ L.18/Rev.1; under item 112: A/C.3/55/L.25/Rev.1, L.26/ Rev.1, L.27/Rev.1 and L.63; and under sub-item 114 (a): A/ C.3/55/L.31/Rev.1.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [115]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Board of Auditors, Sir John Bourn, introduced the reports of the Board of Auditors (A/55/5 (Vol. I, III, IV) and Add.1 to 12 and A/55/364).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/55/487).

The reports of the Secretary-General were before the Committee in documents A/55/80 and Add.1 and A/55/380 and Add.1.

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Norway) made a statement.

The representative of Canada also made a statement.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 November, as the deadline for the closure of the list of speakers on agenda item 115.

Human resources management [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Administration of justice at the United Nations

Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116)

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Jamaica made a statement.

Following a statement by the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management in response to questions raised during the course of the discussion of the item, follow-up comments were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, Chile, Cuba, Algeria and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Inspector Fatih Bouayad-Agha of the Joint Inspection Unit also made a statement and replied to a question raised.

Programme planning [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Cuba, Indonesia, Colombia (on behalf of the RIO Group), Ethiopia and the Russian Federation.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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The Committee adopted four amendments to the rules of procedure in closed session.

The Committee thus concluded its work for the seventieth session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents. Helsinki, 17 March 1992

Ratification: Lithuania (2 November 2000)*

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Ratification: Portugal (30 October 2000)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special programme

A special programme on "A New Approach to Flexibility: Managing the Work/Time Equation", sponsored by the Group on Equal Rights for Women in the United Nations, will be held on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Brewster (tel.: (212) 963-8590) or Ms. Chang (tel.: (212) 963-8370).

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